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ATTACHMENT:

In view of applicants' amendment the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections over Wu et al. The Examiner agrees with applicants' arguments that there is not an adequate teaching or suggestion of a cyclic siloxane having the necessary Si-A bonds in the prior art. If this were the only difference between the claims and Wu et al. one *could* argue the obviousness of this difference; however, this difference in combination with the difference in the claimed method step (as summarized in the previous office action) is sufficient to render the claims unobvious over the teachings of Wu et al.

The rejection over Martin in view of Smith et al. is maintained. Applicants argue that differences in mechanical strength and processability would render the proposed combination unobvious but in lack of any evidence or documentation supporting applicants' position, the Examiner does not find this persuasive.